



# NEWS RELEASE

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## World Water Monitoring Day

**What?** The Citizen Watershed Monitors of Orange County (CWMOC) are sponsoring [World Water Monitoring Day](#). This annual event is timed to celebrate the anniversary of the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972. Last year over 44,000 citizens in 47 countries monitored the quality of local streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and other water resources.

**When?** Saturday, October 14th 2006 from 9am to 12pm

**Where?** Huntington Beach Pier Plaza at PCH and Main Street

**Why?** We love water, for drinking, swimming, surfing, fishing, kayaking, maybe underwater basket weaving...the list goes on and on! This is an opportunity for you to participate in a fun event that will raise awareness of water quality issues and the importance of water conservation.

**How?** The public is invited to participate in either of two ways:

- **Be a Monitor!** Contact one of the participating organizations (links to their web sites is on the CWMOC homepage [www.cwmoc.org](http://www.cwmoc.org) ) and sign up to

monitor water quality at a site selected by that group. The volunteers will attend a training meeting on Wednesday evening October 11th where they will learn how to conduct the water quality tests in the field. All the test kits and paperwork required will be provided. The volunteers will go to their site Saturday morning to collect and test samples and then come to the event site at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza between 9am and noon to drop off their samples and browse informational booths showcasing the member organizations water quality and conservation programs.

- **Learn all about it!** The second way to participate will be to come to the Huntington Beach Pier site and browse the booths and run water quality tests on water at the site and take part in our trash pickup that will run from 11am to noon. This event will leave the participants with a better understanding of the water quality in their area, how water quality is tested, and what they can do to help improve it.

**Who?** CWMOC organizations participating in this event include: D.I.V.E.R.S., Surfrider (Huntington Beach Chapter), Orange County Coastkeeper, Earth Resource Foundation, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy, and Trout Unlimited. This program is funded by the member organizations assisted by a generous grant from the [Metropolitan Water District](#). Contact one of the CWMOC member organizations to get started or for more information.